King County	Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention Adult Divisions General Policy Manual	
	Chapter **Safety and Emergency Procedures**	
3.01.011 - Health Precaution Alerts	Approved By:	Director Allen Nance
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Purpose
To establish a protocol for Jail Health Services (JHS) to notify Department Classification Staff of an inmate who might be potentially contagious to others.

Policy
To protect department staff from in-jail infectious disease transmission by means of HIPAA-compliant medical precaution codes available to all staff.

References

JHS Form:	"Assignment of Inmate Precautions and Isolation for Infection Control"	
Federal:	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) 104-191 of 1996	
Department Forms:	Supervisor's Incident Report	
	Officer's Report	
	Medical Precaution Alert Form	(F-628)
Department Memo:	Health Precaution Hazard Codes	(April 04, 2007)

Definitions
Hazard code: A computer entry denoting an inmate in department custody who represents an elevated safety, security or health risk.

A. General Guidelines

1. Precaution codes are based on Center for Disease Control (CDC) precaution code recommendations for healthcare facilities as adopted by Jail Health Services.
2. Precaution codes are assigned to inmate-patients by JHS providers as the individual is diagnosed. These codes are:
   a. Airborne
   b. Droplet
   c. Contact

B. Communication of Precaution Codes: JHS>DAJD

1. JHS providers will complete the "Medical Precaution Alert" (DAJD-F-628) form indicating:
   a. Date assigned
   b. Inmate name
   c. Precaution type
   d. Start and stop precaution dates
   e. Name of Provider assigning the precaution
   f. Name of classification staff entering the precaution data into the electronic system.
2. After completing the form, the JHS provider is responsible for routing this form to classification staff.

C. Electronic Entry of Precaution Codes

1. The classification staff member receiving the "Medical Precaution Alert" (DAJD F-628) will enter the indicated Health Precaution Code into JMS as a Subject Alert.

D. Access to Precaution Codes by Staff

1. Health Precaution Codes can be located in the subject's JMS subject record.

E. Laminated Precaution Cards

1. All staff are issued a laminated "Transmission-based Precaution Categories" card during New Employee Orientation (NEO).
   a. Replacement cards can be obtained by contacting the Occupational Health Nurse.
2. Once the precaution type is obtained from the electronic screen, the staff member then refers to the laminated card to determine the appropriate measures to take to protect themselves from potential transmission.

F. Terminating Precaution Codes

1. The precaution code will be entered electronically by Department classification staff with a start and stop date.
2. The code remains with the booking, not the UCN. Thus, it is incumbent on the staff member to review not only the code but the effective dates.
3. If the duration of a code is longer or shorter than the period originally stated on the "Medical Precaution Alert" slip, then the JHS provider making that update must communicate that to classification for code entry modification.

G. Staff Training

1. Department staff will receive Health Precaution Code training at New Employee Orientation (NEO) training, as well as annual training together with TB/BBP training.
2. Laminated cards can be replaced by the Occupational Health Nurse, as requested by staff.
3. Modification of this protocol will occur in collaboration with the appropriate JHS representatives, specifically the Medical Director and Infection Control Practitioner.

H. Transmission Based Precaution Categories

1. Airborne:
    a. Use standard precautions.
        1) Wear the PAPR/CAPR respirator or appropriate mask if entering an occupied room posted "Airborne Isolation" or when transporting an "Airborne Isolation" subject in an enclosed vehicle.
        2) Face shield or goggles.
        3) Gloves.
        4) Gown or coveralls.
        5) Wash hands after glove removal.
2. Droplet:
    a. Use standard Precautions.
        1) Wear an appropriate mask when within three (3) feet of the inmate.
        2) Face shield or goggles.
        3) Gloves.
        4) Gown or coveralls.
        5) Inmate must wear surgical mask if not in isolation and when outside of cell.
        6) Wash hands after glove removal.
3. Contact:
    a. Use standard Precautions.
        1) Wear gloves during contact with all inmates.
        2) Wash hands after glove removal.

COVID-19: RECOMMENDED PPE USE WITH SPECIFIC PRECAUTION STATUS

PRODUCT / ACTION	DESCRIPTION	NO PRECAUTIONS ASSIGNED	CONTACT PRECAUTIONS Use PPE when: escorting or treating patients with flu like symptoms, caring for vulnerable patients w/o C-19	DROPLET PRECAUTIONS Use PPE when: doing anything within 6 feet of patient (treating, escorting, cleaning cells, etc)	AIRBORNE PRECAUTIONS Use PPE when: entering negative airflow room and treating, escorting, cleaning cells, etc.
	Wash Hands Before Donning & After Doffing PPE	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Gloves	Use for: Handling contaminated documents, cell searches, handling inmate property, feeding	✓	✓	✓
	Surgical Mask	Use when working with an inmate-patient presenting with flu-like symptoms	Use when working with an inmate-patient presenting with flu like symptoms	✓	
	N95 respirators			Use instead of mask when testing for COVID 19 (including CO in testing room) and for use of force	✓
	Eye Protection			✓	Use Where Suspected or Confirmed COVID inmate-patient is in Negative Airflow
	Gown or Tyvek Suit			✓	Use Where Suspected or Confirmed COVID inmate-patient is in Negative Airflow

Eye Protection may be a face shield, surgical mask with eye shield, or goggles depending on availability. White lab coats may be used by health staff if gowns are not available. Tyvek suits used by DAJD and inmate workers. Surgical masks may be used when N-95s are not available. N-95s should be single use only for droplet precautions. Please use your own division supplies first. Version 3/25/2020